GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Regulations for Imported Food
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of food products imported in the country during the last three years, product and country-wise;

(b) whether the Government proposes to introduce new regulations for imported food items and their shelf life;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the extent by which the new regulation is likely to ensure quality of imported food items?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)

(a): As per data captured under the Food Import Clearance System of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, an online system operational at six ports, viz., Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Cochin and Tuticorin, details of major food products imported in the country and details of major food exporting countries to India during the last three years are at Annexure-I and II respectively.

(b) & (c): The Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations 2017 notified on 09.03.2017, contain a provision that no article of food shall be cleared from the Customs unless the valid shelf life of such an article is sixty per cent or more at the time of import.

(d): The Food Safety and Standards (Food Import) Regulations, 2017 will ensure safety of imported food items.